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Major General Chester V. Clifton *card*  
Military Aide to the President  
The White House

Dear Ted:

Many thanks for your part in obtaining for us the excellent picture of the President with his inscription to the Agency. We are having this framed and it will hang in the Director's Conference Room where it will serve as a constant inspiration to the senior staff of the organization.

In the event you are not fully informed on how the various Presidential commendations were handled in the intelligence community, the following is a brief recapitulation. The commendation for the U. S. Intelligence Board was presented by Mr. McCone to each of the Board members in an appropriately inscribed folder.

The commendation for NPIC, which, you will remember, carried with it unit citations for the three military organizations and individual commendations for the civilians, was presented in a ceremony at the NPIC building, with Mr. McCone and representatives of the heads of all the intelligence agencies making the presentation to the service and division chiefs. This in turn was followed by each of the service and division chiefs handing out the individual citations to every recipient personally.

STAT The commendation for [ ] was sent to it initially by wire inasmuch as it was active operationally overseas at the time. However, when [ ] and the pilots concerned returned, there was a special ceremony at Edwards Air Force Base (in the restricted area, naturally) at which time individual citations were personally handed out to the members of the unit by General Carter.

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This now completes all action on these matters and I am sure  
that morale will be heightened and future effort increased by the  
personal approbation of the President.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Executive Director

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